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**EX PARTE**

August 29, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 97-80; PP Docket No. 00-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, August 29, 2003, Paul Glist from the law firm of Cole, Raywid & Braverman, Jim Casserly from the law firm of Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, William Check, NCTA's Vice President for Science & Technology, and I met with William Johnson, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, and Susan Mort, Attorney Advisor, Media Bureau and Rick Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief, Digital Television Task Force.

We discussed issues regarding the proposals submitted to the Commission by cable system operators and consumer electronics ("CE") manufacturers on December 19, 2002, which are the subject of the above-referenced dockets. The discussion reflected filings made by the cable and CE industries in these proceedings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Neal M. Goldberg**

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